

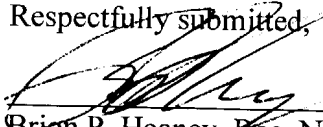
REMARKS

On May 11, 2004, the PTO issued a "Response to Rule 312 Communication" in which the "Amendment" filed March 9, 2004 was disapproved because it was filed after payment of the Issue Fee. The Communication indicated that Amendments after payment of the Issue Fee must be accompanied by a Petition to withdraw the application from issue. The "Amendment" referred to was a Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 CFR §1.48(a).

However, the day before the above Communication was issued by the PTO, Applicants filed a Petition under 37 CFR §1.313(c) to withdraw the application from issue along with a Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement. Thus, a Petition to Withdraw the Application from issue is presently of record. It is respectfully requested that the Request for Inventorship filed March 9, 2004 now be considered. To facilitate its consideration, a executed copy of the Request for Correction of Inventorship is attached hereto.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,


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